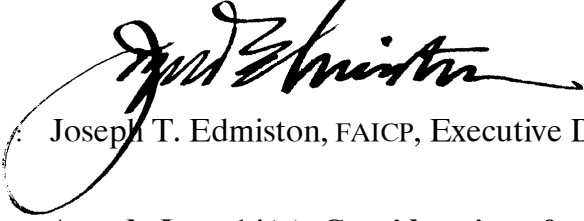


Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: April 4, 2005

From :  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Director

Subject: **Agenda Item 14(a): Consideration of resolution granting a Public Access Easement Deed to the City of Los Angeles for APN 5442-017-902 for the Los Angeles River Bikeway.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution granting a Public Access Easement Deed to the City of Los Angeles for APN 5442-017-902 for the Los Angeles River Bikeway.

Legislative Authority: Sections 33203 and 33211.5(d)(2) of Public Resources Code.

Background: The Los Angeles River Bikeway project is an overall effort to renovate the current maintenance road on the west bank of the Los Angeles River, turning it into a Class I Bike Path. The project is an integral part of the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor, and the bikeway improvements will include new asphalt pavement, lighting, and fencing. Landscaping will be installed where sufficient space exists. The Bikeway has been completed between Victory Boulevard and Fletcher Drive. The next phase of construction will extend the Bikeway from Fletcher Drive to Barclay Street.

The Conservancy received a request from the City of Los Angeles to grant an easement over 1,688 square feet of the Elysian Valley Gateway Park property for the Los Angeles River Bikeway. All of the Conservancy's river parks, including Elysian Valley Gateway Park, were designed and developed to complement and coordinate with the Bikeway.

In this area, the land is subdivided in such a way that portions of many private parcels extend across the maintenance road and onto the sloped bank of the Los Angeles River. The proposed easement is 1,688 square feet of land that has been informally used as a multi-purpose pathway for many years. The pathway is already paved and is used by the County of Los Angeles to maintain the river channel. The proposed action would not reduce the amount of parkland. A CEQA Notice of Exemption has been filed. The easement would be granted at no cost to the City. All construction and maintenance costs of the Bikeway would be the City's responsibility.